

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Tony Hammond

Periodic Reporting
(Proposal Three)

Docket No. RM2016-11

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON ANALYTICAL PRINCIPLES
USED IN PERIODIC REPORTING (PROPOSAL THREE)

(Issued August 26, 2016)

I. INTRODUCTION

On August 22, 2016, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 requesting that the Commission initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding to consider changes in analytical principles used to prepare the Postal Service's periodic reports.¹ The Petition identifies the proposed changes filed in this docket as Proposal Three.

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Three), August 22, 2016 (Petition).

II. PROPOSAL THREE

Proposal Three relates to the design and operation of the In-Office Cost System (IOCS). The proposal concerns changes in the IOCS city carrier sampling methodology and the development of city carrier costs. The Postal Service states that the proposal utilizes census data from the Time and Attendance Collection System (TACS) and the Delivery Operations Information System (DOIS) to develop a new cluster sampling approach. Petition, Proposal Three at 1. This new sampling approach permits data collectors to take on-site readings in the mornings when city carriers conduct the majority of their in-office work. *Id.* The Postal Service states that the availability of TACS census data provides the opportunity to significantly reshape the sampling design. *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service states that the primary objective of this proposal is to replace the current method of obtaining data via telephone readings with on-site readings. *Id.* at 15. In support of its Petition, the Postal Service has attached a public library reference, USPS–RM2016–11/1, and a non-public library reference, USPS–RM2016–11/NP1.²

III. NOTICE AND COMMENT

The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2016-11 for consideration of matters raised by the Petition. More information on the Petition may be accessed via the Commission's website at <http://www.prc.gov>. Interested persons may submit comments on the Petition and Proposal Three no later than October 11, 2016. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya is designated as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

² Notice of Filing of USPS–RM2916–11/1, USPS–RM2016–11/NP1, and Application for Nonpublic Treatment, August 22, 2016.

IV. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2016-11 for consideration of the matters raised by the Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Three), filed August 22, 2016.
2. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than October 11, 2016.
3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.
4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the *Federal Register*.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary